CLERK: Senator   Schrock,   AM2962.   (Legislative   Journal
pages 815-821.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schrock, you're recognized to open
on that amendment.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature,
this amendment, AM2962, would eliminate the fee for corrections
on   water   well   registration.   In conversation with the
department, they have determined that there's been a lot of
confusion,   so there would be a two-year period where correction
on well water fees would be eliminated. The bill was advanced
out of committee unanimously.   It is agreed to by the Natural
Resources...Department of Natural Resources. And it would allow
for corrections to be made on water well registrations for a
period of two years with no fees. The current fees have been
$20.   There's been a lot of corr...there's been a lot of
misinformation about what should be charged and what shouldn't
be charged. People trying to correct their well registration
with some corrections, and so the department has decided that
the best thing to do would be not to charge a fee for a period
of two years. That's what this amendment does. Like I said, it
was advanced unanimously by the Natural Resources Committee.   I
don't think this will be as controversial as the last issue we
were talking about.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the amendment. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schrock, just a couple of questions,
if I may. The fee was $20, and what did the fee go for?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I suppose it would be for the...for the
paperwork and the time that the Department of Natural Resources
was spending on this. And they came to us and said, look, we've
had a lot of confusion here, we don't need to charge...this is
for corrections on water well registration. It's not for new
water well registration. So, they...as they said, it would be
simpler if, for a 24-month period, we didn't have a fee, and we
can handle the corrections in-house without the fee.